

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN SYLVIA BOOKOUT-REINICKE**, on  
April 16, 2003 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 491, 4/15/2003  
Executive Action: SB 491

**HEARING ON SB 491**

**Sponsor:** SENATOR EMILY STONINGTON, SD 15

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. STONINGTON** introduced SB 491 as a bill that is needed to implement HB 2. This bill does not call for any increase in costs it merely shifts the costs to a grant from a coal tax fund interest.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Andy Poole, Department of Commerce**, explained why this bill is needed by his department.

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**John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau, Member of Research and Commercialization Board.** He shared the Board's support of this bill.

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**REP. OLSEN** questioned **John Youngberg** about what types of projects that are funded by these funds. **Mr. Youngberg** shared several success stories from this project and told how successful the program has been.

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. STONINGTON** closed with a request for a do pass and stated that **REP. PATTISON** would carry the bill on the House Floor.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 491

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGREN moved that HB 491 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously. To be placed on Consent Calender.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

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REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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